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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Conversation with [] on
SIGINT Satellite Requirements

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1. This memorandum is for your information.

2. In pursuance of your statement to [] in your letter of 12 June that I would call on him to obtain his views on how SIGINT satellite requirements should be stated, I called on him on 2 July.

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3. [] was emphatic that the detailed parameters specified in the present approved USIB requirements were not adequate. Instead he felt that requirements should be stated in substantive terms, such as anti-ballistic missile signals, and in order of priority. The refinement of such requirements in terms of R&D objectives, as he put it, requires a dialogue between the operator and the requirements people. He recognized that the detailed parameters used in the present requirements may in considerable part be caused by the absence of an adequate interchange of information.

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4. I advise [] of the present COMOR panel engaged in the cost-effectiveness study on SIGINT satellite for the Board. When I mentioned the names of our consultants- []

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[]-he indicated that they represented three-fifths of the panel which he recently had chaired on the SIGINT satellite problem. He felt certain that in the course of our study the views that his panel had developed would find clear expression through these consultants.

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5. I intend to make use of [redacted] views in further discussions on SIGINT satellite requirements both in the cost-effectiveness study and in COMOR's future revision of requirements for eventual Board approval.

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Chairman
Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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